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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also are new Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-61971 that was cited and discussed in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed on July 5, 2005 from the Japan Patent Office in applicant's priority application. The relevance of this reference can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection. The English abstract for this reference is also enclosed.

Please note that the applicant previously submitted five of these references with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 24, 2003 and November 17, 2003 as follows:

- 1. JP 3-70502 B, NAKAJIMA, 11/1991
- 2. US 5,454,790 B, DUBRUL, 10/1995
- 3. EP 0 747 084 A, BOGERT, 12/1996
- 4. WO 99/26682 A, HURTAK, 06/1999
- 5. EP 1 101 508 A, SUNNANVÄDER et al., 05/2001

Please also note that the English language translation of the Japanese Patent Publication is also enclosed. Please also note that this English translation is machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translation may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text. Information Disclosure Statement Application No.: 10/602,025 Page 2

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 paper be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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